

Obama flies at Kite’s



Photos by Matt Castro | COLLEGIAN

Obama supporters raise their signs in celebration as Sen. Barack Obama formally accepts the nomination for the Democratic Party. Shouts of jubilation filled the venue.

Local Democrats celebrate senator’s acceptance speech

By Aubree Casper
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Change was in the air at Denver’s Invesco Field at Mile High on Thursday night.

About 75,000 Democrats from across the nation joined together, cheering “Yes, we can” and endlessly waving freshly printed Obama/Biden signs at the Democratic National Convention.

As candidate Barack Obama took the stage to accept his party’s nomination as its presidential candidate, nearly 100 Riley County Democrats packed the new side of Kite’s Bar and Grill in Aggieville to support who they referred to as “the next President of the United States.”

Mark Andre, third-year student in architecture and co-chair of K-State’s Students for Barack Obama, said a long-time interest in politics led him to becoming a part of the group last year.

So far, Andre and other group members have worked to register voters, a campaign of their own they hope will thrive through the mid-October registration deadline.

“Obama has inspired a lot of people,” Andre said.

Andre attributes a doubling in turnout of younger voters at the caucuses earlier this year to Obama’s “Change” campaign. Prior to Obama’s acceptance speech, Andre said he hoped to hear Obama speak about specific policy statements.

He said he thought that no matter what

was said, the speech would be welcomed by voters, especially those still on the fence about which candidate – Obama or McCain – to vote for in November.

Group cheers and rogue hoots and hollers filled Kite’s as myriad flatscreen TVs displayed convention leaders speaking, leading up to Obama’s 45-minute speech.

Political celebrities and everyday Americans trekked up the circular blue stairs leading to the main stage.

Roy Gross, a Michigan truck driver, and Monica Earley, an Ohio insurance agent, fired up the crowd in Denver and at Kite’s in support of Obama and his recently announced running mate Sen. Joseph Biden, as well as their constant theme of changing America from the ground up.

The statements Obama made that seemed to ring truest in the hearts of Manhattan Democrats gathered included those about education, gun control and gay rights.

Obama proposes a \$4,000 tax credit to all high school students planning on going to college and pledged to “keep AK-47’s out of the hands of criminals.”

“Change doesn’t come from Washington, change comes to Washington,” Obama said as he concluded his speech.

“Powerful – especially in the stadium setting,” said Alyssa Parsons, third-year student in architecture, as she described her initial response to Obama’s speech.

Parsons, who sacrificed precious archi-

ecture studio time to attend the party, said she thinks a lot of work needs to be done in America but applauded Obama’s rallying of the American spirit.



Robyn Hilt, freshman in social science, raises her Obama sign at the Obama watch party held at Kite’s Bar & Grill. The watch party offered food and voter registration information.

Police warn students of scam

by Eric Davis
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

At the start of most semesters, businesses look for new and interesting ways to profit from incoming students.

Traveling salespeople especially choose this time of year to prey on students by going door-to-door selling magazine subscriptions.

Lt. Kurt Muldrup of the Riley County Police Department said there are often crimes associated with these types of business people, but it is difficult to make the connection.

Muldrup also said the police department keeps an eye out for door-to-door sales when the department knows there will be a higher than usual number in the area.

“We usually do a crack-down on these types [of crime] at the beginning of the year,” he said.

Muldrup said crimes like break-ins and thefts sometimes follow the salespeople’s visits, but it is difficult to make any solid connections.

Muldrup also said those visited by the salesmen should call the police immediately to report the crime.

Canvassing area neighborhoods to sell these subscriptions is not against the law as long as the those who do so have obtained a permit from the City of Manhattan.

The permit can be obtained in the customer service office in City Hall. There is a \$15 daily fee, per applicant. Year-long permits can be purchased for \$150.

Reptile breeder’s expo on Sunday

By Monica Castro
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Clarion Hotel will be host to the Konza Reptile Breeder’s Expo from 10 a.m to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Allison Karnoski, co-owner of Scaly Dave’s, said there will be many vendors to either buy, sell, trade or exchange information during the expo.

“I thought it would be great for one here,” she said. “We always enjoyed our experiences at [reptile expos], so we thought it would be interesting to see how this one goes.”

Among many reptiles and products to buy, there also will be tables set up to educate people about these animals.

The expo’s goal is to entertain reptile lovers and even those who are curious about getting into the hobby.

“You will be able to see things you may never get to see in person,” Karnoski said. “There will be industry experts at your finger tips to ask any questions.”

While smaller, more typical pets in the reptile family will be featured, the expo will be not be short on expensive and large reptiles like tortoises and Burmese pythons.

“This is an opportunity to see rare and expensive animals which you might not see in person or might not find in a zoo.”

Nice weather improves progress of parking garage construction

By Corene Brisendine
and Sarah Burford
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The little white trailer sits tucked away from the rest of the construction site where K-State’s parking garage will soon stand. The room remains quiet and vacant with the occasional interruption by workers coming and going between the manager’s office and the door outside.

Through the open door stands a long wooden table built into the wall while a thick stack of detailed drawings lay open upon it. The drawings are plans for the parking garage being built in front of the K-State Student Union.

Mike Gibson, project manager for the parking garage, sits at the desk in the center of the room casually leaning back, smiling broadly.

“The tornado did kind of impede progress,” he said, “but we have had a stretch of real good weather and have taken full advantage of it.”

Gibson said they would not compromise quality for speed. The parking garage should be

done in April, said Darwin Abbott, K-State Parking Services Director.

“If the weather holds for the next couple of days, we’ll have some large areas of concrete poured,” Abbott said.

The concrete areas are the floors to the second level of the parking garage.

The first floor of the garage will be partially underground. There will be three stories on top of this first floor.

Abbott said the garage was designed to be lower than the surrounding buildings so people could still see Nichols Hall, the Alumni Center, the Student Union, Calvin Hall and Kedzie Hall.

The completed garage will hold about 1,200 parking spaces.

In the old parking lot that used to be in front of the Union, there were 200 student stalls, Abbott said. In the new parking garage, there will be 500 student stalls. Prices for student permits will cost no more than student spaces elsewhere on campus, Abbott said.

Abbott said there will also be timed stalls for students. The prices for



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Project Manager Mike Gibson said the Manhattan tornado hindered the construction process, but the expected completion date is April 2009.

meters and student stalls are still being considered. The rest of the stalls in the parking garage will be for faculty, staff, visitors and meter parking.

Abbott said the meter parking for students will particularly cater to people who do not need to be on campus all day, like student teachers, for instance.

“Just as we did with

meters, we have a constituency of students who don’t have to be here all the time,” Abbott said.

Instead of buying a permit, those students can just pay for a short period of time in the meter spots in the garage.

“That’s still student parking as far as I’m concerned because that’s still helping that group of people,” Abbott said. “They

don’t have any other need beyond that.”

Not only will the parking garage be functional and cater to the campus’s various needs, Gibson said he believes the structure will look nice overall.

“This is going to be one of the premiere parking structures in the mid-west, if not the nation,” Gibson said.

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YOU SUCK | BY NOLAN FABRICIUS AND JEFF BROWN

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Academic mentoring places K-State students in community organizations to support family literacy and youth-related programming. Federal work study is preferred. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, applications must be turned in by 5 p.m. today. E-mail userve@ksu.edu or call 785-532-5701 for more information.

Rec Fest will be at the Peters Recreation Complex from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday. Participate in free fitness testing, sample BOSU, indoor cycling, group fitness mini-sessions and new equipment. Meet personal trainers and sport clubs representatives and sign up for intramurals. Student ID or facility membership required. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

The KSU Roller Hockey Club will hold an informational meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday in Waters 137. All members and interested students should attend. Contact Jerry Restesbecker at 785-532-5971 with questions.

The KSU Ultimate Club has begun practice and is inviting anyone to attend. Regular practices are at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the field by the president's home. For more information, go to www.ksu.edu/ultimate.

The Peters Recreation Complex seeks officials for intramural flag football and soccer.

Starting pay is \$7.50. The training clinic for flag football will be at 5 p.m. on Sept. 3, 4 and 8. The clinic for soccer will be at 5 p.m. Sept. 9-10. To qualify, attend all sessions for each sport at the Rec complex. For more information, contact Armando Espinoza at 785-532-6980.

The Center on Aging will have an open house from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday. There will be free pizza and a chance to win a gift certificate. Contact Lacey at 785-532-2776 for questions.

Intramural entries for flag football, soccer and individual singles sports are being accepted in the administrative office at the Peters Recreation Complex. The entry deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

The K-State Tennis Club will have its first meeting of the year at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Peters Recreation Complex tennis courts. For more information, e-mail ksu.tennis.club@gmail.com.

Melinda D. Daniels, assistant professor of geography, will give the geography colloquium "Perceptions of Wood in River Landscapes: Implications for Geomorphology, Ecology and Future Research in Fluvial Systems" at 3 p.m. Sept. 5 in Seaton 132. This event is open to the public.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

There was an error in Thursday's Collegian about the Golden Dragon Acrobats performance at McCain Auditorium. The performance was scheduled for 7 p.m. Aug. 28. The Collegian regrets this error.

If you see something that should be corrected, call news editor Jacque Haag at 785-532-6556 or e-mail news@spub.ksu.edu.

THE BLOTTER
ARRESTS IN RILEY COUNTY

WEDNESDAY
Lakinya Cheree Luster, 1841 College Heights Road, No. 1, was arrested at 10:30 a.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$500.
Derek Ross Shepard, Ogden, Kan., was arrested at 2 p.m. for criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$750.
Morgan Marie Sutton, 1026 Garden Way, Apt. C, was arrested at 2:20 p.m. for aggravated burglary and failure to appear. Bond was set at \$3,500.
Durand Christopher Reeves, 1011 Vattier St., Apt. C, was arrested at 5:08 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$298.



Brittani Beatrice Jones, Wichita, was arrested at 5:47 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,000.
Jennifer Marie Hooten, Fort Riley, was arrested at 6:50 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$500.
Lonnie Britt Patrick, Fort Riley, was arrested at 12:45 a.m. for obstruction of the legal process and purchase or consumption of an alcoholic beverage by a minor. Bond was set at \$750.
Cory Scot Ellis, 1122 Claflin Road, Apt. 109, was arrested at 1:36 a.m. for driving under the influence and unlawful transportation of liquor in opened containers. Bond was set at \$750.


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Sebelius' decisions show committment to state of Kansas

Editor,

Wednesday's column, "Gov. Sebelius neglects Kansas on her quest for national spotlight," couldn't be more wrong when it comes to the governor's commitment to this state.

Having seen the work of Gov. Sebelius firsthand, I know that her job in Topeka is of the utmost importance to her and that Kansans are being taken better care of than ever before.

If Republicans care so much about sticking to one political focus, then why has John McCain missed more roll call votes on the Senate floor in his current

term than any other member of Congress?

Kansas has benefited tremendously from Kathleen Sebelius' ability to get things done without getting bogged down by the partisan bickering we're all so used to.

Her stand against big business in the coal plant case only proves her loyalty to Kansans, not those living somewhere else. If she can bring even a tiny fraction of that gift to Washington, then all of us — including every Kansan — are better off.

Katie Beye
SENIOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Govt. regulation necessary to keep citizens safe

Editor,

This is a response to Mark Erbacher's opinion column on a local smoking ban.

I'll first address his take on the petition for the ordinance to eliminate smoking in places of employment and public places. A petition is not meant to represent a majority of the population and force the commission's hand, but to prove the ordinance is desired by enough registered voters to put it on a ballot, should the commission choose not to enact it.

I understand reluctance

to government regulation, but public health and worker safety are definitely areas where government regulation is needed for protection. In fact, that regulation already is appreciated by our citizenry in the form of regulations like those for food and fire safety, which all restaurants and bars must adhere to for the safety of their customers.

This is not an attack on smokers or businesses; it's a simple and free — no taxes needed — solution for smokers and nonsmokers alike to socialize and do business together without risk-

ing anybody's health with a substance known to cause disease and death.

Secondhand smoke is more than a mere "nuisance" or undesirable "smell," as Erbacher described it. Public smoking bans ask only that smokers take their U.S. government-classified Class A Carcinogens outdoors, away from nonsmokers, who — by the way — comprise about 80 percent of the population.

Many workers desperate for well-paying jobs with flexible and evening schedules, like many K-State students, just take what they

can get. No, we should not be their "babysitters," but we should care about their health as they serve us.

Public smoking ordinances covering more than half the U.S. population have proven to help protect workers and the public, just as government regulations protect people from the lead paint and asbestos Erbacher mentioned.

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Handicap permit system often abused

Most civil rights laws are put in place to help those in need. There are occasions, however, when these laws are abused and sometimes even backfire against those they are trying to help.

The Americans with Disabilities Act is one example of this. There are more than 140 pages of laws and mandates that businesses must follow to accommodate the so-called disabled. Some of these laws are much needed and help those who are truly disabled, but others need to be thrown out entirely.

There are times when it is difficult to follow what the government is thinking when its leaders pass a new law or act. I disagree with 95 percent of the meticulously written and dramatically drawn-out Americans with Disabilities Act.

Not only are some of the things written in it simply ridiculous, but often abused as well. According to the Post and Courier in Charleston, S.C., individuals are using handicap placards to park for free at meter spots, rather than having to pay to park in parking garages downtown.

However, it is costing the city quite a few bucks – more than \$1,500 a year per stall being used.

Individuals are not required by the city to feed the meters when they have a handicap placard, though an alarming number of people should not have these free passes.

A vendor quoted in the article said he believes about half the other vendors abuse the placard system. He said he has a lot of friends who can “beat the system” with the free passes the ADA hands out.

“The woman next to me – she’s not handicapped. If you can unload your truck, you probably shouldn’t get one of those hang tags,” he said.

Another problem is that these handicap placards are issued to people, not vehicles. If someone decides to take their wheelchair-confined grandmother’s tag, there is not much the police can do about it, unless the person is actually caught in

the act.

Sometimes a disabled person could drive a different car, but there has to be a better way.

Even more frustrating is that one could argue a large number of people who do have handicap placards don’t need them at all.

According to the ADA, an individual with a disability is an individual who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

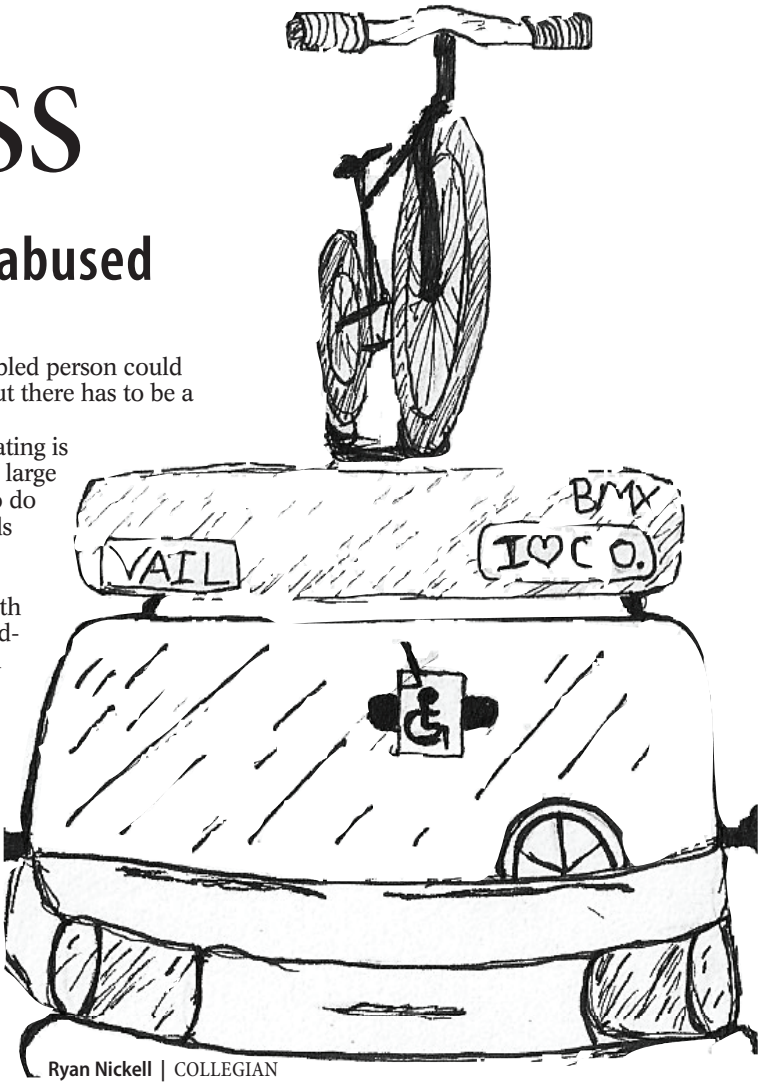
This makes one wonder, what exactly are some of life’s major activities? Some examples the ADA gave are learning, breathing, lifting, standing, sitting and reading.

This seems ridiculous. This means that a weakling chain smoker who is hunched over all the time and failed out of school because he couldn’t read the “Berenstain Bears” series could easily get a parking pass that would let him park in front of almost every building in America.

After reading that, I was tempted to fill out the form to see if I could actually qualify for a handicap placard. The only other thing you need for one is a doctor’s signature.

These are just a few faults I have found in the Americans with Disabilities Act. The system is being cheated by numerous Americans, and it’s just making lazy people lazier.

Too many people in today’s world want everything handed to them and could care less if it comes at someone



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else’s expense. Whose money do you think is paying for all of those handicap parking signs, curb drops, handicap accessible doors and vehicles?

Now, I’m not totally heartless – there are absolutely people who need assistance from the ADA and items like handicapped placards to get through their day and make their lives easier.

However, the ADA is too lax and too vague. If the government is going to keep passing some of these laws to help “create equality,” they need to get it right or at least act like they tried. I don’t want to lose my parking spot to some dropout who never finished ninth-grade reading.

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Columnist compares notorious dictator and president

In the past few years, there have been many comments in the media about the striking resemblance between President George W. Bush and Adolph Hitler.

For example, a Google search for “Bush Hitler” yields about 628,000 hits. Making comparisons between a sitting president of the United States and one of the most notorious dictators of history is fairly extreme and clearly needs supporting evidence. And yet, the verdict is clear: Bush is not Hitler, but worse.

This is because Dubya accomplished less than the dictator before becoming the national leader, he succeeded in bringing about less change during his time in power, and he has inspired much less awe in supporters or fear in enemies than Adolph. Allow me to start at the beginning.

Bush was the grandson of a senator and son of a former U.S. president. The youngest Bush attended college at Yale where he was a C-average student, joined the Texas Air National Guard rather than the fight in Vietnam and eventually earned an MBA from Harvard.

This degree gave him a chance to try out his oil-tycoon ambitions, which he gave up to manage the Texas Rangers during the 1990s.

Compare this to Adolph’s beginnings. As a poor boy in Vienna who failed several times to get into art school, Hitler petitioned the king of Bavaria to join the military in World War I and received an Iron Cross, First Class, in the fighting, according to “The Rise And Fall of Adolph Hitler.”

After the war, he managed to become one of the pre-eminent public speakers in the world and led a failed revolution in Munich. While in jail, he wrote “Mein

Kampf,” one of the best-known anti-Semitic books ever published. He built the Nazi party from the ground up and rose to power.

When Hitler came into power in Germany in 1933, the country was in shambles. He changed it into a violent, nationalistic, expansionist and formidable state in only six years – a state hopeful for a future with a unified world.

The German infrastructure was radically improved, the military was absolutely dominant, and unemployment was brought to nearly nonexistent levels. Education was changed to indoctrinate millions in the fuhrer’s beliefs.

Major celebrities, like Charles Lindburg and Joseph Kennedy, voiced their support for Hitler’s doings. Hitler then proceeded to start a war the likes of which has never been seen, before or since.

Bush’s rise to office came at a time when America enjoyed unquestioned global hegemony. It certainly didn’t involve shenanigans on the level of Hitler’s. There were no burning buildings with crazy Dutch Communists or outlawing of other parties.

Currently, America is stuck at the same boring place at the forefront of the world; that is no dramatic change. Militarily speaking, he has so far only managed to invade Iraq and Afghanistan, neither of them world powers on the level of France and Russia in the 1940s.

Yes, there have been some terrorists apprehended and tossed into places like Guantanamo Bay, but no rounding up Muslims en masse, blaming them for all of America’s problems, or sending them to death camps. Personally, I don’t mind, but it is much less impressive logistically to imprison a few terrorists than to seek out millions of Jews, Gypsies and oth-

er “undesirables” and put them in large camps to suffer inhumane and degrading punishment for their race and religion.

In fact, the president has been quite kind and considerate to America’s Muslim population, offering the words, “We’re taking action against evil people. Because this great nation of many religions understands, our war is not against Islam, or against faith practiced by the Muslim people. Our war is a war against evil,” during a town hall meeting in Ontario, Canada.

Lastly, there is fear and awe. Right now Dubya is running with approval ratings in the 20s. Not exactly awe-inspiring.

Hitler didn’t have to take polls to know his approval ratings were 100 percent. No one disputed his power. In the 1930s, Germany was flooded with little hooligans called the Hitler Youth, while America has yet to see any infestations of admiring Bush crowds – marching

in lockstep or not.

On the fear front, currently Hitler’s sympathizers face jail sentences for either Holocaust denial or use of the swastika.

George W., on the other hand, is not greatly feared in America. Bush has been painted as incompetent, not fear inspiring. His accomplishments are being elected to president, managing a baseball franchise and getting the country into a war. There are scarier things.

So there you have it: Hitler managed to write a book, build an empire, gain the support of the Kennedys and become a reviled figure all before Bush was born.

Thus, it appears that the cries of “Bushitler!” are off their mark, for even Hitler would not be friends with Karl Rove.

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TO THE POINT

Editors respond to 1st school week’s Fourum comments

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian’s official opinion.

All work and no play makes Jack, well, pretty boring. Life in the newsroom is always interesting, but even more so when we get interesting Fourum comments. These are the best little gems of amusement we found this week.

“Hey freshman, there’s a thing called a crosswalk. If you don’t use it, you will get hit.”

Hi, snobby senior. A word to the wise, don’t take out your anger on pedestrians. And another thing, how exactly can you

tell just by looking if someone is a freshman? We didn’t realize they handed out “freshman” shirts. It could just be an ignorant upperclassman.

“Hey, where the hell is the Fourum at in the first paper of the year?”

Put your glasses on, boys and girls. We wouldn’t give you a paper without the beloved Fourum. It was just small. That just means you need to call in more.

“Fourum poll: parking etiquette. Who gets the spot first, the person who is closer, or the person who is in line first?”

First of all, cool poll idea.

This is a question that has boggled the mind of many a driver on campus, not to mention gotten a lot of middle fingers thrown up. We believe the answer is whoever is in line first gets the spot. First come, first served.

“I’m totally game for selling four copies of my tickets, then watching the rest of the game.”

What happens when someone uses a copy of your ticket first? You’d be SOL then, and rightly so. That’s just wrong.

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Midgets: probably the most beautiful things God ever made. He should make more of them. I love you.

The cheese is moldy. Where is the bathroom?

I once had the best night of passion ever, and then she never called me back.

Robots are lame.

Can I have your number? Can I? Can I have it?

I just saw a motorcycle get hit by a car by Haymaker. Seriously people, watch where you drive.

Is it sad that I’ve been drunk since last Tuesday?

I want to drink a little whiskey and get in your britches now, come on.

My roommate keeps on making me drink.

To the girl with the gray shirt and blue shorts that just ran by: I want you.

My friends are holding me hostage on Manhattan Hill and won’t let me go pee.

I’m one of the hostage holders on Manhattan Hill, and believe me, she doesn’t deserve to pee.

Eric Davis? Is that you?

When you’re 21, you can drink beer. And I like the story about the baby whale.

Hey, idiot on the motorcycle, if your windshield isn’t 15 inches tall and you’re not wearing eye protection, you’re going to get a ticket.

Always wax the flubby parts under your fiddle.

Drunk meat has less size.

I just went to minor night at Tanks, and I didn’t hit on any chicks, but I think I’m already a registered sex offender.

Well, I don’t like Adolf Hitler, ergo I’m gonna enjoy this carton of cigarettes at Rusty’s tonight.

Ladies, work out at the Rec complex before 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You’ll win a prize.

Can someone please explain where I’m supposed to park, if I don’t have a parking pass, before 9 a.m.?

Guy who always drums on his desk behind me: you have terrible rhythm.

Lydia Peele, let me borrow that top. You aren’t even wearing it, what are you saving it for? Let me borrow that top.

Hey, Collegian, just so you know, NetFlix isn’t actually in Manhattan. You should try Dillons next time.

Do you know the nut man?

I say that the person who dibs the parking spot with their blinker gets it.

I’m a redheaded Irishman. You can love me.

The person closer gets the parking spot.

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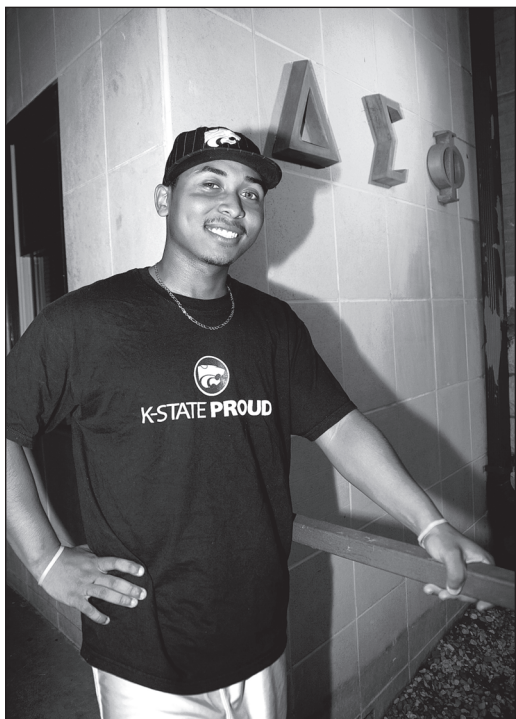
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DEFYING the stereotypes



By Rebecca Bush
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"I NEVER FALL INTO STEREOTYPES"

Landon Manning grew up loving K-State football, so when it came time to choose a college, he made a relatively straight-forward decision. How he, a black student, became a member of Delta Sigma Phi, a traditionally white fraternity, though, was a bit more interesting.

"The process is kind of weird, because I came down here initially for a scholarship offer through [Delta Sigma Phi], and I met the guys and everyone was really cool and seemed really genuine," Manning, junior in civil engineering, said.

The Kansas City, Kan., native said he considered other fraternities, both traditionally white and black, over the summer before deciding to join Delta Sigma Phi.

"I just thought about it for a while, and thought about all the people I met ... and decided to join. Everybody's great, I love everybody," he said.

Manning said there was one other black man in the house when he joined, but that was not a large factor in his decision.

"I really don't consider the whole white-black thing. I'm making new friends everyday, and I've really enjoyed everything that's happened the past three years," he said.

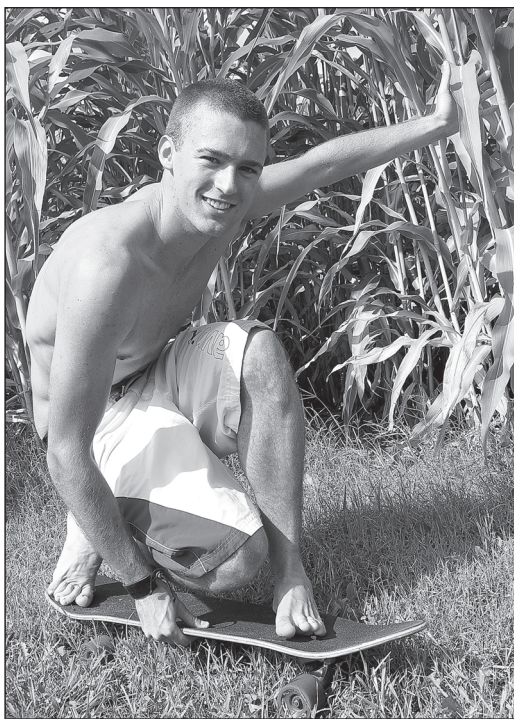
Though Manning said he could have easily joined a traditionally black fraternity, he was not concerned about others' perceptions.

"I know both sides, because I have friends in black fraternities," he said. "I never fall into stereotypes, though. My close friends understand, and they don't judge me because I'm in a [traditionally white] fraternity. It's my decision, and they don't care."

Manning, who will join the

Students' interests encourage them to pursue dreams despite preconceived ideas

Though K-State prides itself on offering diverse opportunities to every student who walks on campus, many students spend their days with friends and classmates who fit their own ideas of who K-State students are, what they look like and what they do. These stereotypes sometimes become difficult to ignore, but some students thrive in challenging those ideas and making their own paths as they navigate through their college years.



just grab it and fix it."

A visit to K-State's Engineering and Science Summer Institute in high school piqued her interest further, and when it came time to enroll, she picked mechanical engineering.

Holste said she has gotten used to people who do a double-take when they find out she is majoring in engineering, a curriculum where she said she usually expects to see 5 or 10 girls in a class of 150 undergraduates.

"It doesn't really bother me," she said. "It was weird the first day, but now I'm used to it. I've always had a lot of guy friends, so I have my group of friends I sit with and work with, just like any other class."

Her ease in a field full of testosterone served her well this summer at her internship at Caterpillar Work Tools in Wamego. As Holste dealt with the entire process of making blades and buckets for construction equipment, she would often be the only female in the room.

"It's just a shop full of guys,"

she said. "One time, a whole bunch of us walked in, and I was the only one any of the men already in there said hello to. I didn't really think about it until later, but it was kind of funny."

Holste, who has taken a class from one female engineering professor and was once told her professors would always help her because she was a girl, said she thinks more females are entering engineering, but it will continue to be a male-dominated industry for the foreseeable future.

"That's how it's been, so I think for a while, it's probably going to stay that way," she said.

CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'

Daniel Lamm never saw himself leaving the sand and surf of California behind, but when the college puzzle pieces fell into place, he packed up and moved halfway across the country to a state where the temperature difference in one day might be the difference between seasons on the West Coast.

Lamm, junior in interior ar-

chitecture and product design, considered California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo and a community college close to home as well as K-State, but when Cal Poly did not accept him and K-State offered him an academic scholarship, he said he knew he had found a new plan.

"It was something I prayed about," Lamm said. "I had all the requirements that Cal Poly wanted, so I was surprised when I didn't get in there, but I really felt like God was directing me here to Kansas."

Besides one 16-hour visit to K-State in the spring of his senior year, Lamm had never ventured far from his hometown of Westminster, Calif., which is in the Long Beach metropolitan area.

"All I knew was Southern California," he said. "My first winter was cold and miserable, and my friends still laugh at me, because when it starts getting into the 50s and guys are wearing shorts and t-shirts, I'm still bundled up in my heavy coat."

Culture shock abounded, but Lamm said he was particularly surprised by the racial homogeneity in Kansas, since he came from a town that has large Hispanic and Asian populations and a downtown area known as "Little Saigon."

Lamm said he's learned a few lessons during his time in the Midwest that he will take back home with him.

"I learned a lot about handling transitions," he said. "People here are also really nice, and it's given me more patience and helped me relax."

The self-described surfing enthusiast, who plays on K-State's water polo club team, said the water draws him back to California.

"I just love to surf," Lamm said. "I love it out here, but I want to end up back on the coast because I have to be near a beach. When I'm here at school, it's tough."



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BROTHEL BRIEFS

Friends leave sorority house, experiment in leisure time



SALENA STRATE

It's the year I thought would never arrive: the milestone known as senior year.

Every week, I pick a song that represents where I am in my life. This week's obsession has to be "The Good Life" by Kanye West. I'm sure life will continue to be good throughout the semester, but I have also come to realize the college circus soon will end for yours truly.

For now, I look back at where I have lived and where I have yet to go. My linear trail has taken me

from the residence halls to the sorority and now to the Brothel.

I'm sure you probably just re-read that line, but I don't actually live in a real Brothel, it's just my new house's nickname. The Brothel is a small, white house where seven real women live. Cheesy, I know, but it's true — we are best friends.

So far, our lives at the Brothel have consisted of too much time spent drooling over Michael Phelps' stunning body, learning how to cook macaroni and cheese and playing tennis on Nintendo Wii at all hours of the night.

The personalities of the people living under the Brothel's roof range from "the weekend party animal" to "the super-spotless-clean freak."

Some families have a stay-at-home mom, but at the Brothel, we have a stay-at-home friend — her name is Claire. And I can't forget

Pinky, who walks around in her leopard-print nightgown in the middle of the afternoon.

If you are living with new roommates or your best friends, remember to always compromise. Though Bob and I didn't want to take back the stuffed dolphin I "borrowed" from a bar, I still had to listen to my roommates and compromise.

I am constantly learning from each of my Brothel roommates. I have learned we are all searching for the perfect boy who will bring you a rose and kiss you on the cheek in front of your entire sorority, or that your life plan might include culinary school.

Believe me, there are plenty more of these lessons to learn and silly moments to share at the Brothel.

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Nashville band to perform tonight; KSU fans compete for 'best dressed'

By Hannah Blick
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Football fans, this weekend's game means it's time to break out the purple jerseys again, but now, there is a reason to don your K-State apparel before gameday.

Kathouse Lounge, 1111 Moro St., in Aggieville, will sponsor a "Best-dressed K-State fan" contest tonight starting at 10, said Brian Berry, Kathouse owner.

Contest winners will receive prizes, and for those not interested in competing, several bands will be on hand to entertain the crowd.

Manhattan favorite "Liars of Local Interest" will open at 10 for the Nashville, Tenn., group "Married by Elvis," which will go on around 11, said Berry.

"Married by Elvis" describes themselves as a "California country" band," Berry said. "They have a female lead singer, and sort of a country-bluegrass sound."

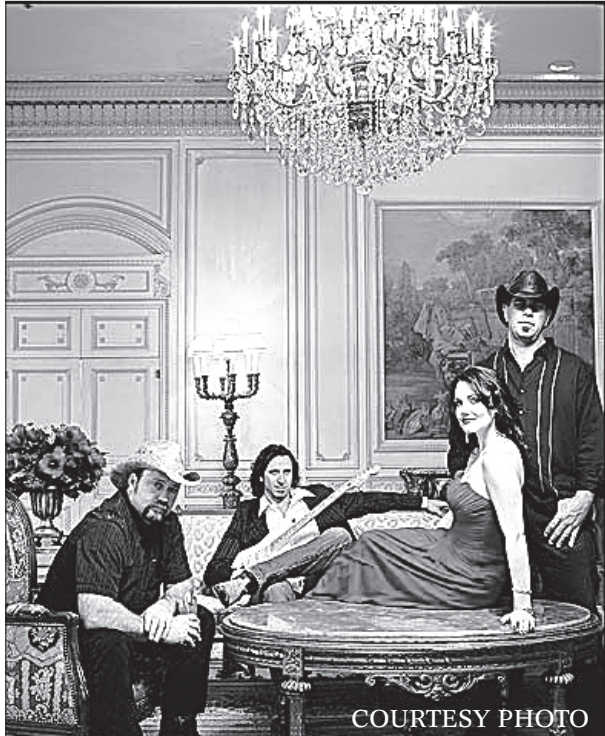
Kathouse will have a

\$6 cover charge and the bar will also have \$3 big beers and \$3 wells, Berry said.

For coverage of the event, be sure to read The Edge page on Tuesday, Sept. 2.



To hear some of the bands' songs, check out www.ksstatecollegian.com to find links to their MySpace pages.



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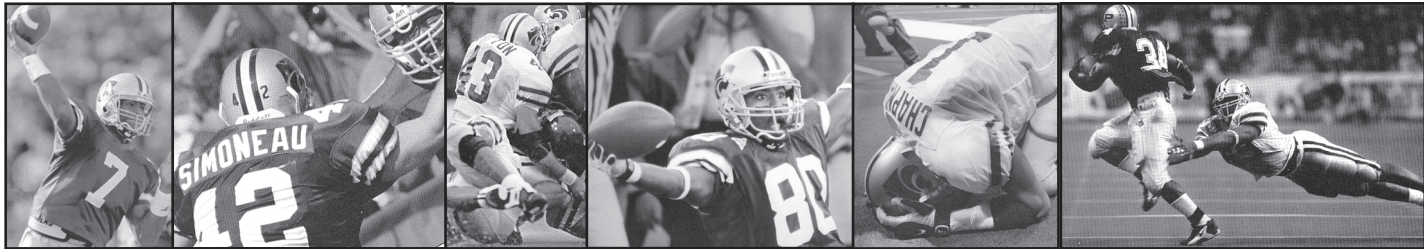
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Preseason expectations worried Snyder; Bishop remains hopeful

This is the first story in a six-part series of archived Collegian articles about the 1998 Wildcat football team, arguably one of the best teams in K-State history. This story was written before the Cats' season opener against Indiana State. The team had high expectations going into the season, as they were ranked sixth in the Associated Press poll and returned almost all starters from the 1997 team.

MICHAEL BISHOP, CATS BEGIN 1998 SEASON AT HOME AGAINST NCAA I-AA INDIANA STATE SYCAMORES

By Sam Felsenfeld
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Finally, after nine months of hype and expectations, K-State opens its 1998 football season Saturday against Indiana State.

On paper, the game is a mismatch. After all, the Wildcats return 18 starters from last year's 11-1 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl champion team, while the Sycamores, a Division 1-AA team, finished last year at 3-8 and couldn't manage a bigger win than a 19-6 triumph over Kentucky State in week two.

In reality, though, K-State football coach Bill Snyder has his worries.

"They're not gonna kill themselves. They don't beat themselves. They can play good, solid, sound football," he said.

Snyder said his main worry with the Sycamores is when they have the ball. Offensively, Indiana State will use a triple-option attack.

"If they take 75 snaps in this ballgame, we will have to play the option all 75 snaps. And consequently, that stabilizes your defense and allows for some freedom with the related offense," he said.

In last season's home opener, K-State faced a similar offense against Ohio. The Cats were expected to win easily but managed only a 23-20 win and gave up 430 yards in total offense — their worst yield in a win during the regular season. During that game, the Bobcats gained 278 yards on the ground, not an unreasonable total for a triple-option attack. However, K-State had to concentrate on the option, which opened up the secondary and allowed Ohio to gain 174 yards in the air.

Those passing yards came at key times and helped Ohio climb back into the game after falling behind 23-0 at half-time.

However, Saturday will be the first time the Sycamores execute their new system, which could ease the Cats' difficulties a little.

"For the quarterback to make all the right choices, it takes a lot of experience, so there's some jeopardy to them in that regard," Snyder said.

Defending it still won't be easy. "It's hard. There's a lot of responsibilities with it," inside linebacker Jeff Kelly said. "If one person messes up, they can capitalize on it."

In addition, Snyder said he isn't tremendously pleased with how the team has performed so far and that he isn't sure his team is ready for the season opener.

"I'd like to have more time, but our players wouldn't stand for it. They know they have to play. They want to play," he said. "Just like every other team in this country, they're anxious to stop bargin' around on each other and get on the field and play and compete in front of a crowd and do all those things. Probably more than anything, they want to prove me wrong."

However, the players said they think they are ready to play and perform at the level that people across the nation are expecting. The Cats enter the game ranked sixth in both the Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today polls and have a legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate in quarterback Michael Bishop.

Bishop said he's aware of the expectations.

"We know that we have to score a lot

of points, because last year against Iowa State, we went in and only scored 28 points, and we dropped in the rankings," he said. "A win is a win to us, but I feel like we do need to score a lot of points."

To score points, the Cats used a powerful running attack last season, and on paper it appears they'll be able to dominate the field on Saturday.

1998 SPORTS ILLUSTRATED PRESEASON TOP 10

1. Ohio State
2. Florida State
3. K-State
4. Florida
5. Nebraska
6. UCLA
7. Arizona State
8. Michigan
9. Tennessee
10. LSU

K-State's starter at left offensive tackle is undecided, but if it will be Brian Hanley, the Cats' offensive tackles will outweigh the Sycamores' defensive ends by an average of 102 pounds, while K-State's guards will outweigh Indiana State's defensive tackles by an average of 45 pounds.

Also, the Sycamores' starting linebacker's average size is only 5 feet, 11 inches, weighing 209 pounds.

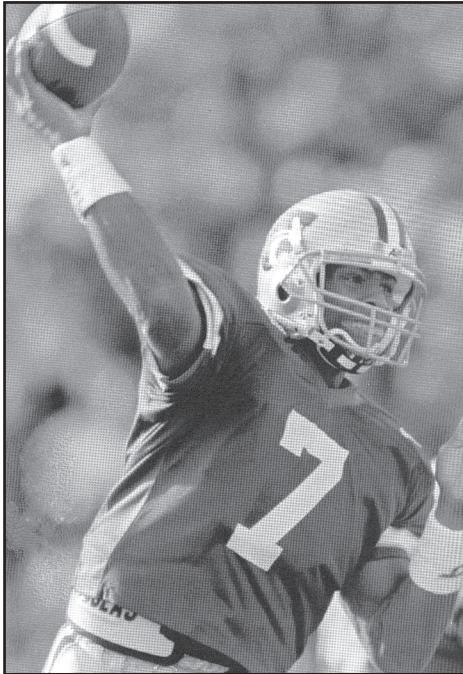
As far as K-State's passing game goes, Bishop said he doesn't have any worries.

"As far as everything that's on film, I understand the defense they run. I know what the secondary's gonna do, so unless they come in with a different game plan, we shouldn't have any problems with their defense," he said.

"I don't think we have anything to worry about. The biggest thing we have to worry about is executing and turnovers. As far as their defense, we have a lot of plays that attack their secondary. Unless they come in with a different one, we should be OK."

The definition of 'OK' to Bishop, is more than the last three-point victory the Cats gained against Ohio last season.

"If we execute well and our offense puts points on the board and the defense creates a couple of turnovers and puts them on the board and the special teams do a great job, I feel we'll score over 50 points," he said. "If we do that, we're starting off on the right track."



COURTESY OF ROYAL PURPLE

Michael Bishop, coming off a stellar junior season, was one of the preseason favorites for the Heisman Award.

Inconsistency continues to haunt Wildcat football team



JUSTIN NUTTER

Since Ron Prince took over the K-State football program in 2006, the Wildcats' performance — players and coaches alike — has been about as consistent as the weather in Manhattan.

In Prince's first season, K-State fans saw it all: a one-point win over Division I-AA Illinois State, a stunning upset over No. 3 Texas, a dismal loss to Kansas and an embarrassing Texas Bowl loss to Rutgers.

Spirits appeared to be on the rise in 2007. After a near upset at Auburn and a convincing road win over the Longhorns, the Wildcats seemed to be on the fast track to their second straight bowl game. However, the team's fortunes slowly began to change.

After heartbreaking losses to Kansas and Oklahoma State, the Wildcats rebounded by manhandling Baylor. With four games remaining and bowl eligibility just one win away, it looked like K-State's postseason chances were still alive and well.

You've probably heard the story of the defense's collapse, so I'll spare you the agony of going through it again. Long story short: the one win never came. What started as a promising season ended in disaster.

Though the 2006 and 2007 seasons were hardly similar, they both lacked any form of consistency. One could pick from the seemingly endless list of excuses: lack of leadership, coaching changes, loss of motivation. Regardless of the reason, the facts are indisputable — Prince's career is off to a 12-13 start and full of question marks.

Inconsistency in the Wildcat football program isn't just noticeable on Saturdays. During his tenure, Prince has continually made statements and then contradicted them with his actions. Let's look at a couple of examples.

Shortly after Prince arrived at K-State, he recruited quarterback Josh Freeman. Prince claimed the starting quarterback spot would be won in practice and that every candidate had an equal opportunity to win the job.

However, former Wildcats Allan Evridge and Kevin Lopina left the program prior to the start of the season, claiming they weren't getting the chance to take any snaps in practice. Coincidence? You be the judge.

Another example is Prince's scheduling tactics. Since his career began, he has scheduled games against national powerhouses such as Auburn, Oregon and UCLA, claiming that playing strong nonconference opponents would help the team improve. If he truly believes that, why would he drop Fresno State, a team from a non-BCS conference, from this year's schedule in favor of Division I-AA Montana State?

If Prince wants to succeed at the collegiate level, he needs to figure out his priorities and get them in order. The same idea applies to his team. Consistency is a must in a conference like the Big 12. Without it, the Wildcats will likely be looking at another 5-7 season and Prince will likely be looking for another job.

Justin Nutter is a junior in print journalism. Please send comments to sports@spub.ksu.edu.

Volleyball team kicks off season with Mortar Board Premier



Photo by Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN

Head volleyball coach **Suzie Fritz** said she hopes to build off the team's success from last year, when the Wildcats finished with 23 wins, a third-place finish in the Big 12 and the team's sixth NCAA Tournament appearance in the last seven years.

By Justin Nutter
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State volleyball team plays its first tournament of the year this weekend, and coach Suzie Fritz said it could be a strong determinant of who will start in place of several graduated players from last year, including libero Angie Lastra, setter Stacey Spiegelberg, and defensive specialist Lauren Rosenthal.

With many starting positions still left to be earned, Fritz said, if given the chance, the tournament could be a good opportunity to see how well the team's newcomers can perform in live-game situations.

"I wouldn't say anyone has separated themselves from the group so far," she said. "Right now, I'd say the upperclassmen have the upper hand because of their experience."

"We would like to play several people this weekend, but we're not sure our opponents will allow it."

Fritz also said solid leadership from anyone is vital to the team's success, especially early in the sea-

son, especially with the departure of three senior leaders from last season.

"I think having team leaders is important, regardless of who they are or how they do it," she said. "Sometimes it comes from our senior class, but other times they're not necessarily the most dynamic group on the floor. Some girls step up as vocal leaders while others lead by example and intensity on the court. It doesn't matter where it comes from."

Fritz said the Wildcats will enter the tournament with plenty of early-season jitters, but she thinks they're ready for competition.

"I think 'anxious' is the best way to describe us right now," said Fritz, who has led K-State to NCAA Tournament appearances in six of her seven seasons as head coach.

"We know we're not where we'll need to be when conference play comes, but it's still early and we're coming along. We're definitely ready to play someone other than [ourselves]."

The tournament, the Mortar Board Premier,

will be in West Lafayette, Ind., and No. 25 Purdue University will be host.

The Wildcats, ranked No. 14 in the American College Volleyball Association preseason poll, will take on Tennessee State University at 4:30 p.m. today. K-State will conclude tournament play Saturday with a noon matchup against the Duke University Blue Devils, followed by a 4:30 p.m. showdown against tournament host Purdue.

The Wildcats will return to action Thursday when they head to Portland, Ore., for the University of Portland Tournament.

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The Black Student Union will have its annual Welcome Back BBQ from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday at Quinlan Nature Area, near Putnam Hall.

Carmen Ellis, senior in elementary education, said BSU has sponsored this barbecue for about 10 years.

“Everyone is invited. It’s open to the public,” Ellis said.

She said about 300 people attend the event each year. They offer food, games, activities and music, and they set up tables for various multicultural organizations to display their information.

“Anyone who is interested in those organizations can learn more about what goes on on campus with diversity – that’s where they will learn that information from,” Ellis said.

The barbecue will allow people to see what BSU is doing on campus and “what they are doing to bring people together from all walks of life,” Ellis said.

“It gets people involved with on-campus activities, allows them to meet new people, socialize, have a good time and enjoy the atmosphere,” she said.

BSU meets at 7 p.m. every

Tuesday in the K-State Student Union room 212. Members talk about activities they are planning on campus, including the presidential campaign, in which they will help students register to vote.

—Compiled by Sarah Burford

LEADERSHIP STUDIES SPONSORS WOMEN SELF-DEFENSE CLASS

In an effort to provide students with the skills and knowledge necessary to protect themselves against predators, K-State Modern Combatives Education and the School of Leadership Studies are sponsoring a free women’s self-defense seminar, according to a recent press release.

The seminar will be from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday in Ahearn 301. It will be free for the first 24 women who sign up. For more information or to sign up, e-mail cmbevts@ksu.edu.

—Compiled by Jenna Scavuzzo

ZOO PROVIDES HALF-PRICE ADMISSION TO K-STATE STUDENTS

The Sunset Zoological Park invites all K-State students who show their current K-State ID card to take advantage of half-price admission through Sunday.

“With this event, it serves to invite people to an inexpensive opportunity for dates or to just get away,” said Allie Lousch, marketing and development officer for the zoo.

Though the zoo might be small, Lousch said, it has much to offer guests.

“We don’t skimp on opportu-

nities or amenities,” Lousch said. “This is a great place.”

WildCAT week will conclude with enrichment day, where guests will be able to see how zookeepers maintain the animals as well as how they stimulate the animals.

“With WildCAT week we want to say hi, and we want students to explore more of Manhattan and the beautiful zoo,” Lousch said.

—Compiled by Monica Castro

MANHATTAN, GARDEN CITY TO HOLD AG CONFERENCES

K-State is accommodating as many participants as possible this year for their Agricultural Lenders Conferences, according to a recent press release.

The Conferences will be on Oct. 1 at the K-State Southwest Research and Extension Center in Garden City and on Oct. 5 at Snyder Family Stadium in Manhattan.

Early registration deadlines for the events are Sept. 25 for the Garden City conference and Oct. 2 for the Manhattan conference. The cost is \$80 for early registration and \$90 the day of the conference. The fee includes lunch.

“K-State Research and Extension agricultural economists will address topics important to agricultural lenders in today’s business climate. This conference is designed to provide the Kansas financial community with updates on current agricultural topics,” said James Mintert, K-State professor and Extension state leader for economics programs in the release.

At both locations, the schedule is the same, with registration at 8

a.m. and the conference at 8:55 a.m. Key presentations include “Livestock Outlook for 2008-09” by Mintert, “Grain Outlook for 2008-09” by Mike Woolverton and Crop Insurance Changes and SURE (Disaster Aid) by Art Barnaby.

For more information about the conferences, contact Rich Liewelyn in K-State’s Department of Agricultural Economics at rvl@ksu.edu or 785-532-1504.

—Compiled by Amanda Moerlien

FREE HUNTING PERMITS, EXTENDED SEASON FOR SOME SOLDIERS

Free deer hunting permits for the upcoming archery season will be available for soldiers who will soon deploy overseas, said Alan Hyneck, Fish and Wildlife Biologist at Fort Riley.

Many soldiers at Fort Riley might miss a majority of the regular hunting season because of a deployment expected in early fall. To solve this problem, Fort Riley has moved up the archery season to begin Monday.

“Extend[ing] the season for soldiers deploying to Sept. 1 gives them an extra 21 days to hunt,” Hyneck said. “The [soldiers] have got a lot on their minds. [It’s] something nice to do for them.”

The extended hunting season

applies to deploying soldiers only. Hyneck clarified that for civilians and soldiers not being deployed this fall, Fort Riley’s “regular archery-only season will begin on Sept. 22 and end on Dec. 31.”

The extended season at Fort Riley only covers bow hunting; dates for the muzzleloader season and firearm seasons will remain the same, according to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks’ Web site.

This is the first time archery season has been lengthened for soldiers being deployed overseas. The State of Kansas must approve all extensions to any hunting season.

The archery season extension was “first approved in June and got final approval last week,” Hyneck said.

Though the Fort Riley permits are free, applicants must still “abide by state regulations and must buy Kansas permits,” Hyneck said.

Hyneck estimated that he has already issued 25 deer tags and expected 40-50 soldiers to come in overall for their free permits.

Free deer hunting permits for deploying soldiers may be obtained at the Conservation Office at Fort Riley between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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Sept 4 - Ladies Night DJ Pizzle

Sept 6 - Bill Lupkin & The Chicago Blues Coalition

Sept 10 - Dear Arcadia w/tba

Sept 11 - The Effects

Sept 13 - The Dewayne Brothers

Sept 17 - Lucia Drive

Sept 18 - Comedy Night

Ladies Night DJ Pizzle

Sept 19 & 20 - Aggiefest

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October

Sept 3 - Brian Meunch w/tba

Oct 3 - HaHa Tonka w/Anttenas Up

Oct 18 - Plastic Parachutes w/tba

Oct 31 - KatHouse Lounge Halloween Bash

New McCain director brings change to performance series

By Sarah Rajewski
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Opera and rock are usually on opposite ends of the music spectrum, but this year McCain Auditorium's new director, will fuse the two genres as part of his plan to change up this year's McCain Performance Series.

On Sept. 18 in McCain, Todd Holmberg will bring in the East Village Opera Company. The group combines a rock band with a string quartet, taking famous opera arias and putting them to a rock beat, said Holmberg.

"It's not your grandmother's opera," he said. "It's high-adrenaline, power-rock songs."

The opera company isn't Holmberg's only plan for the series. He said he has other ideas in mind to bring variety to the shows.

Holmberg will bring successful musicals like "Sweeney Todd" and "Hairspray" that were made popular through their movie versions. Cherryholmes, a well-known bluegrass band and the Irish band Gaelic Storm, also are planned, just to name a few.

Holmberg said the diversity of the series is a good thing.

"Before I arrived at Kansas State University, the series had a very strong leaning toward world-class classical music, and the top groups were brought in, and it was very successful," Holmberg said. "I'm still going to bring in the world-class music artist, but I will give more variety to the series."

The theme of this year's series is "The Spirit of America."

"I think once I started discovering some attractions that I wanted to bring to McCain, and once I started realizing my vision to expand the series by adding more variety, it wasn't something that was intentional," Holmberg said. "I started gravitating toward this American theme."

Holmberg hopes to embrace diversity this year in a way that will benefit the students.

"One of my goals is to expose and enlighten students to as many cultural art forms as possible, and that's part of a well-rounded education," Holmberg said. "Exposure to world-class academics, athletics and art is all part of the KSU experience."

This year, Holmberg is focusing on community outreach and student involvement. Under his direction, a new position was added to the Friends of McCain Board. Becki Ronen, junior in trumpet performance, is the student representative, attending the meetings and bringing a student's perspective to the board.

"I think the goal for me is to spread the word student-wide on campus on what we offer here at KSU – the great music and performers that we bring and the great student rates that we offer – so they can attend in a cheap way," Ronen said.

All K-State students are offered 50 percent off the public price for any show in the normal public series. For more information about the shows and ticket prices, visit www.ksu.edu/mccain.

"The prices are great," Ronen said. "It's just a wonderful opportunity to experience



Photo by Matt Castro |COLLEGIAN

Todd Holmberg, director of McCain Auditorium, says he wants to continue to bring world-class music to McCain, but also wants to bring newer performances to campus, like "Sweeney Todd", the East Village Opera Company.

some high culture in Manhattan."

Holmberg said he encourages everyone to try out the performance series this year, especially since all the changes have made it different than any season before.

"I think this year's season includes some-

thing for everybody," Holmberg said. "You can not only find some that will entertain you no matter who you are or what age you are, but more importantly, I think you can find something that will inspire you, and that's the most important part of our mission."

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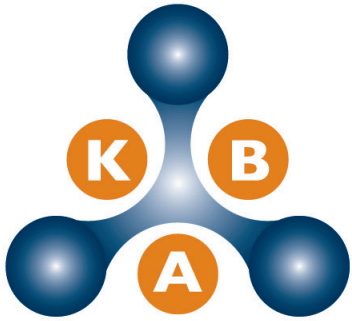
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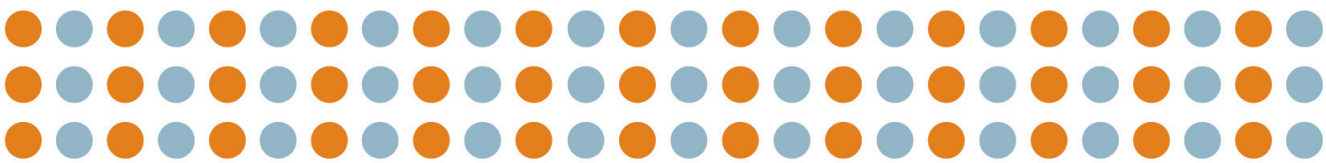
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HONORING GREATNESS

DAVID ALLEN (1996-2000)



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Allen was as much a return specialist as one player can be. He demolished punt and kick return records at K-State for four years.

His freshman year, Allen was named on the first-team Big 12 Conference team. He earned All-America honors in both his sophomore and junior years, returning a kick or punt for a touchdown seemingly every week. Allen ended up returning a record seven punts for touchdowns in his K-State career.

His career at K-State ended in disappointment, as he battled injuries throughout his senior year in 2000.

After not being picked in the NFL draft, Allen spent three years in the pros as a return specialist for the Jacksonville Jaguars and St. Louis Rams.


Known for his trademark celebration after each field goal, Gramatica was arguably the best kicker in K-State history.

After seeing few field-goal opportunities as a freshman and sophomore, “Automatica” burst onto the college football scene, converting 19-of-20 field goals and earning All-America honors. He also won the Lou Groza Award.

During his senior season, Gramatica continued his success. He shattered the previous record for longest field goal in Wildcat history by kicking a 65-yard field goal. He earned several All-America honors and finished as the runner-up for the Lou Groza Award.

He was taken in the third round of the 1999 NFL Draft by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and has spent time with several NFL teams.

MARK SIMONEAU (1995-99)



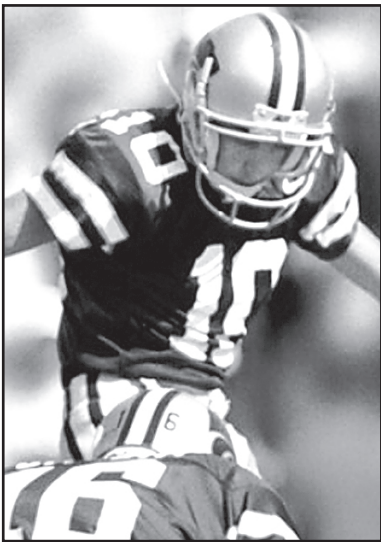
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K-State will elect four new members to the K-State Football Ring of Honor Saturday at the season opener at Snyder Family Stadium.

Terence Newman, David Allen, Martin Gramatica and Mark Simoneau will join K-State legends Lynn Dickey, Steve Grogan, Jaime Mendez, Sean Snyder, Gary Spani and Veryl Switzer, who were elected in 2002.

MARTIN GRAMATICA (1994-98)



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Simoneau, a native of Smith Center, Kan., helped establish K-State’s defense as one of the toughest and best in the country for several years.

He was part of a growing tradition of stalwart linebackers like Travis Ochs, Jeff Kelly and later Josh Buhl. He was the 1999 Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year, earning first-team All-America honors.

He recorded more than 90 tackles every season he was at K-State, finishing his career with 400 career tackles and 15.5 career sacks.

Simoneau was drafted in the third round of the 2000 NFL Draft by the Atlanta Falcons, where he played as a backup for three years. Simoneau played fairly regularly for the Philadelphia Eagles and in New Orleans, his current team.

TERENCE NEWMAN (1998-2002)



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Newman starred for four years, earning All-America honors his senior season.

A 2001 Big 12 Outdoor 100-meter dash champion, Newman might have been the fastest player in K-State history.

In 2002, Newman was consistently one of the best defensive backs in college football and received the Thorpe Award, which is given to the NCAA’s best defensive back.

During his senior year, Newman played defense, returned kicks and punts, and even lined up on offense – helping the Wildcats to a Holiday Bowl victory against Arizona State.

He was picked fifth in the 2003 NFL Draft by the Dallas Cowboys. Last season, his sixth with the Cowboys, he made his first Pro Bowl.


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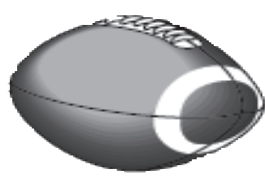
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Valentine's the starter, but multiple backs should contribute

By Mike DeVader
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

When coach Ron Prince suspended projected starter Leon Patton indefinitely last month, a bevy of inexperienced running backs were left to compete for the job.

After a fierce competition, which included junior-college transfer Keithen Valentine and a pair of freshmen – Justin Woods and Logan Dold –

Valentine, the star of the Spring Game, emerged as the starter.

Prince said Valentine's hustle and demeanor in practice set him apart from the other young running backs.

"He demonstrated to me, which I wasn't positive about, that he could run with power," Prince said. "To me, that's one of the small little things that really good running backs know how to do when it's

needed and appropriate."

All three players were relatively new to K-State's program, so they said they relied on each other to get better.

"It's competitive. We keep each other going," Woods said. "There's no going against each other. We're just working as a team to get it done."

Woods said the running backs are like family, and when Valentine was named the starter, he had

nothing but excitement for him.

"Honestly, I'm really happy for him," Woods said. "He came in here and worked hard, and I've never seen the kid slack before. He earned it."

The youngest of the three running backs, Dold, said he has created great friendships through fall camp.

"We are probably the tightest group on the team," Dold said. "We are

all great friends and have an outstanding friendship trying to make each other better every day."

With the start of the season just one day away, Valentine said he is ready to show Wildcat fans what he's all about.

"I try to play with a chip on my shoulder," Valentine said. "If a news article says I'm too little or I don't have the experience, I'm going to use it to fuel my fire."

RUNNING BACK DEPTH CHART

Season opener
1st team: Keithen Valentine
2nd team: Logan Dold
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Not your ordinary walk-on

Valentine goes from bottom of depth chart to starter

By Cole Manbeck
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

His smile says it all. When Keithen Valentine is asked about the grin often found sweeping across his face, he simply replies: “Man, I’m at K-State. I’m getting interviews every other day. My training room has a pool in it, so I am happy about everything.”



KEITHEN VALENTINE

Position: First-string Running Back

Year: Junior

Last year: Started at Mississippi Delta Community College

Memorable achievement: Rushed for 104 yards in Spring Game.

Valentine, a 5-foot-8, 195-pound junior running back, came to K-State from Mississippi Delta Community College, where he spent two years as the starting running back despite battling injury problems.

He was named the most valuable player of the 2007 Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges all-star game, which featured some of the best junior-college players in the state. But scholarship offers never surfaced.

LEAP OF FAITH

After his time in junior college came to an end, Valentine, born and raised in Baton Rouge, La., need-

ed to find a place to pursue his dream of playing college football. He chose to journey far from home – to join the Wildcat roster as a walk-on.

Coach Ron Prince said Valentine took a leap of faith to come to K-State with no promises of even making the team.

“I think he saw specifically the season that James Johnson had and said, ‘Hey, maybe me too,’” Prince said. “His spirit about him and the type of person he is once you are around him and get to know him a little bit – it makes sense to you why he would feel that way. He’s a terrific kid and very confident.”

WORKING FROM THE GROUND UP

Valentine has never taken anything for granted. His teammates rave about his work ethic in the weight room. Quarterback Josh Freeman said Valentine is the type of guy any player would want on his team.

“He’s one of the most hard-working guys I know,” Freeman said. “He’s a great guy. He came up here with one goal in mind and that was to be the guy, and he has taken advantage of every rep he has gotten.”

Valentine said he wouldn’t be where he is today without putting in hard work, though at times it was overbearing.

“You can say that as a recruited walk-on I had to prove myself, and sometimes I didn’t think I would

be able to do it,” Valentine said.

When he arrived at K-State he was at the bottom of the depth chart. But perseverance and hard work has earned him the respect of the Wildcat coaches and players.

“Coming from the bottom to the top helps you appreciate things more,” Valentine said. “But they treat everybody the same here so that’s why I had the chance to do it.”

Valentine caught the eyes of K-State fans at the 2008 Spring Game – when he stole the show – displaying great vision and speed while rushing for 104 yards on 15 carries.

“I had confidence from the players on the team and that’s the most important thing,” Valentine said. “I knew I could play here and do some good things, but just showing the fans and everybody that I was all right was nice.”

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITY

Things took a bitter-sweet turn for Valentine when presumed starter Leon Patton was suspended indefinitely from the team following his arrest on outstanding warrants for theft and failure to appear.

“He’s like a brother to me,” he said. “He’s my friend, and he helped me with the plays. I miss him, and it hurt me a lot because I was looking forward to doing some good things with him.”

Despite Patton’s sus-



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Running back **Keithen Valentine** rushes the ball during the 2008 Spring Game on April 19. Valentine rushed for 104 yards for the purple team, but the white team emerged victorious 3-0.

pension, Valentine said there is still plenty of competition for the starting running back spot.

“We’ve got some good running backs here,” he said. “It’s a nice competition, but I would never shy away from it. I like it. It helps me play better.”

Valentine emerged from that pack to be the opening-day starter at running back this Saturday, and he said he’s eager to go out and play in front of the Wildcat faithful for the first time.

“It’s really exciting,” he

said. “I have never played in front of this many people. I can’t wait to play. After being around the community and working, I can see there’s a strong bond with the community and K-State, and I can’t wait to represent them.”

Now as opening kickoff looms near, Valentine can’t help but get goosebumps.

His smile once again widens. He can’t contain it. It’s something he has worked for his whole life.

“I’m ready,” he said. “I can’t wait. It jumped on me so fast. First I was just

walking on and trying to earn a spot here, and now I’m potentially trying to become the starter. It’s just exciting.”

For Valentine, the hard work finally has paid off. When he runs out of the tunnel Saturday, he will no longer be a walk-on. He has paid his dues on the football field, and because of that, he will no longer have to pay his dues in the classroom. On Monday, Prince announced that he earned a full scholarship.

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For defense to shine, K-State needs new pieces to fit together



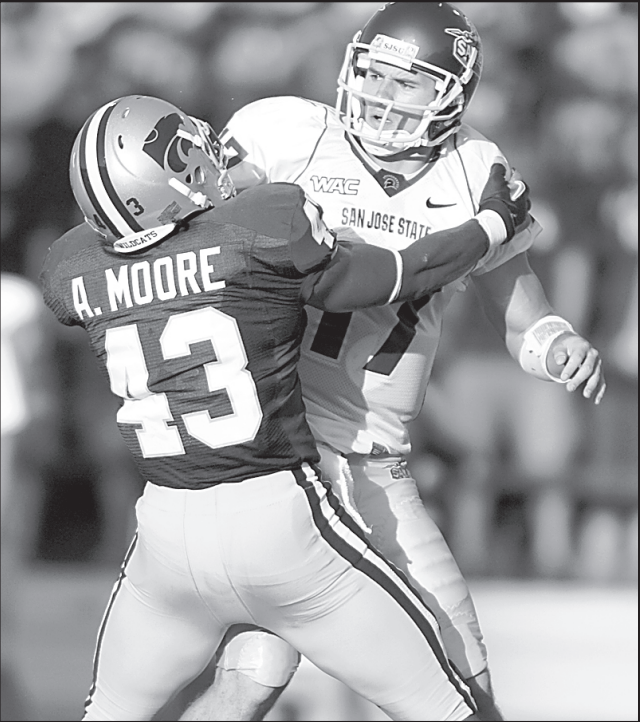
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It seemed like a bad nightmare that wouldn't end. The 2007 K-State defense appeared poised to break out the trademark "lynch mob" sign after strong performances at Auburn and Texas. But those thoughts quickly faded in the last four games, a stretch that saw the Wildcats give up a combined 198 points. K-State fans hope it's all in the past, and the Wildcat coaching staff is trying to ensure it doesn't happen again after making defense the top priority in recruiting this past offseason. Coach Ron Prince brought

in Bakersfield Community College standout Daniel Calvin to give his team a much-needed playmaker along the defensive line. Calvin, 6-foot-3 and 310 pounds, recorded 75 tackles and 12 sacks for Bakersfield last year, earning him the Californian's All-Area Defensive Player of the Year award. He is listed No. 2 on the team's depth chart at right defensive end, but also could see time on the interior of the line. Either way, Prince is expecting an immediate contribution. The linebacker position could be the strongest and deepest part of the team. The Wildcats brought in junior college players Hansen Sekona and Ulla Pomele to compete at inside linebacker with senior Reggie Walker. Prince also signed two hybrid linebackers in Antonio Felder and Josh Berard. Hybrid means they can play either defensive end or outside linebacker,

depending on what type of defensive scheme the Wildcats are in. However, Berard has been lost for the season because of an undisclosed injury. Anchoring one of the outside linebacker spots is transfer Olu Hall, who sat out all of last season because of NCAA rules after transferring from the University of Virginia. Hall, a 6-foot-3, 230-pound junior, was ranked the No. 1 player in the state of Virginia coming out of high school in 2004, according to Rivals.com. The secondary — bolstered by junior-college transfer Blair Irvin — might be the most mature positional group this year. Irvin, a cornerback from Coffeyville Community College, signed with LSU out of high school. Former LSU coach Nick Saban said at the time of the signing that Irvin had the second-

most fluid hips of any corner he had ever seen coming out of high school. Irvin, though, elected to play baseball rather than attend LSU. He was drafted in 2002 by the Tampa Bay Rays in the 12th round of Major League Baseball's amateur draft. He spent four seasons playing minor league baseball before opting to return to football in 2006. Now at 25 years old, Irvin is expected to make significant contributions at cornerback and on special teams. Sophomore cornerback Josh Moore returns and should be the cornerstone of the Wildcat secondary after sitting out the 2007 season due to academic problems. To put it nicely — the Wildcats simply didn't have the players last year to be good defensively. This year should be a different story. The pieces of the puzzle are in place, and if those pieces



Collegian File Photo
Linebacker **Antoine Moore** returns to K-State's defense after missing most of the 2007 season with injury. Moore, K-State's best pass-rushing linebacker, should provide an added boost to a defense that is trying to leave last year's struggles behind.

can find a way to mesh, then the Wildcats could turn last year's weakness into this year's strength.

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Experienced North Texas could 'Mean' business this season

By Mike DeVader
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North Texas will try erasing the memory of a forgettable 2007 season when it travels to Manhattan to take on the Wildcats at 6:05 p.m. Saturday at Snyder Family Stadium. The Mean Green is coming off a disappointing 2-10 record, but there is still hope for this season. They return eight starters from one of the best offenses in

the nation, a fact that's not lost on coach Ron Prince. "I'm very concerned with the game against North Texas," Prince said. "I think this is a very good team." "They return a running back that averaged almost five yards per carry. They return a quarterback that threw for almost 2,400 yards, and he did that as a true freshman. "They also return a veteran wide receiving crew that includes four of their

top five receivers from a year ago." Running back Micah Mosley appeared in all 12 games last year as a true freshman, racking up 461 yards on 94 carries. Mosley scored five touchdowns in an offense mainly focused on passing the ball. The signal caller for the Mean Green is returning starter Giovanni Vizza, who last year led the nation among true freshman in

pass attempts, completions, yards and touchdowns. Senior defensive end Ian Campbell will lead the Wildcats' effort in trying to slow down North Texas' powerful offense. He said the Mean Green's offense is similar to many other teams on K-State's schedule. "(They have) a lot of perimeter stuff, short game," Campbell said. "Bubble screens, things of that sort, and if they have to, they'll spread you and go vertical."

A potent offense isn't the only concern for the Wildcats. Prince said a matchup to watch on Saturday is the K-State offense going against the North Texas defense. "I really think the X-factor in that whole equation on defense might be the return of the defensive coordinator who had North Texas' defense ranked as high as No. 3 in the nation when he coached there in a previous stint," Prince said.

NORTH TEXAS

2007 record
2-10

Conference:
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Key Players
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QB Giovanni Vizza
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TAILGATING GUIDE

Be responsible when tailgating

By Blake Thorson
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Though many questions surround the K-State football season opener on Saturday, there is one aspect not in question – that Wildcat faithful will show up in full force to tailgate come Saturday.

Let’s take a look at an important change that could affect tailgaters this year and some Do’s and Don’ts of the tailgating season.

According to the K-

State Sports Information Department, the change that most tailgaters will notice on Saturday is that the grassy area – commonly referred to as the “sheep lot” – will be unavailable for parking because of the construction of the new KSU Foundation building.

Fans who utilized the sheep lot in past seasons are being directed to the grass parking areas north and east of the fire station on Kimball Avenue, or to the paved lots behind the Veterinary Medicine com-

plex off Denison Avenue – in addition to the other satellite lots near the stadium.

This further reduction of spots could cause a large number of tailgaters to venture across the street into the popular grass lot east of the stadium and west of the Peters Recreation Complex. This area can fill up quickly and students should arrive earlier than usual to secure their spot. The gates open five hours prior to the 6:05 p.m. kickoff and spots are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

DOs AND DON'Ts OF TAILGATING	
DOs	DON'Ts
Do — Come ready to have a good time: This is what it's all about. Saturdays are what college and K-State tailgating are famous for. Relax, kick back, enjoy the food, your favorite drink, your friends and football.	Don't — Overindulge: Don't be that guy or girl who gives K-State a bad name by partaking in a little too much of grandpa's medicine and making a fool out of yourself and K-State.
Do — Come prepared: It's Kansas, folks. The weather can turn on a dime. Bring everything from flip-flops to parkas. OK, maybe not that extreme, but beware of the Kansas winds of change.	Don't — Break the law: OK, the rules say no alcoholic beverages on the premises. Open containers (cases, bottles, cans) will get you busted. Be smart.
Do — Walk it out: The Wildcat Walk on the East side of the stadium is a little-known tradition. Be there to greet the Cats as they enter the stadium three hours prior to game time.	Don't — Forget why you're there: Tailgating is fun but get in the stadium at game time to pack it with purple and be loud.

KEYS TO VICTORY

1. STOP THE RUN
North Texas might run a pass-happy offense, but effective offenses must have at least an efficient running game to succeed. In 2007, Micah Mosley averaged about five yards per carry for the Mean Green. They might not run the ball often, but when they do, it's usually effective. If K-State can contain Mosley and force North Texas to ditch the running game, the Wildcats can focus on the potent Mean Green passing attack.

2. NEW DYNAMIC DUO
Since the suspension of running back Leon Patton, K-State has turned to Keithen

Valentine, a former junior college walk-on, and true freshman Logan Dold, who was originally recruited as a safety. The two will be expected to replace Patton and James Johnson, who rushed for more 1,000 yards in 2007. North Texas allowed about 230 rushing yards a game last season. If Valentine and Dold can't rush against this defense, then K-State should worry about its 2008 running game.

3. DEBUNKING DEFENSIVE DILEMMAS
Several of K-State's defensive starters are either coming off injuries, switching positions or have yet to estab-

lish themselves as solid starters. Chris Carney is the only one who is not changing positions and started consistently toward the end of 2007. The Wildcats will need several players to figure things out quickly and slow down the dangerous North Texas passing attack.

4. MAKE A LAMARK
Talented sophomore Lamark Brown had a rough 2007, finishing the season with only three catches. The Wildcats lost All-America wide receiver Jordy Nelson and his 1,606 receiving yards. Brown will see a lot more passes coming his way this season with Nelson

gone. If he can cut down on the dropped balls, look for him to have a big 2008.

5. END IT QUICKLY
The Mean Green match up favorably with K-State. The Wildcats, who gave up 198 points over the last four games of 2007, will have to find a way to stop the deadly North Texas passing attack. After finishing last season with four straight losses, the Wildcats are hungry for a win. Starting the season with a close victory against a lowly Sun Belt team will not help their confidence.

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